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1. During the period from 8 to 19 May 1952, 11 Soviet trains with troops, artillery pieces, AA guns, AT guns, numerous trucks and prime movers were unloaded in Bergen on Ruegen Island (N 55/P 76). On 12 May, a shipment of 5 x 85-mm AT guns, 6 guns of a smaller caliber, prime movers and ammunition arrived from Jueterbog (N 52/E 69). The ammunition was hauled away by trucks (1)

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2. A reliable Senftenberg (N 52/A 34) resident told source that a Soviet town komendatura which, according to the district president, was in charge of the railroad station and rail movements, was established in Senftenberg on 20 May 1952. The same information was obtained from Luckau (N 52/A 17).

3. On 28 April, a unit of soldiers with black-bordered black opaulots arrived in Goerlitz (O 52/B 00) by train. They built a pontoon bridge about 6 meters wide across the Neisse River in three to four days. A sign with the inscription "50 to" was seen on the bridge. On 3 May, only two bridge guard details of 1 officer and 6 men each were seen at the bridge. One guard detail was stationed in a tent on the west side of the bridge and the other in a house on the east side of the bridge. The railway bridge which had been destroyed during the war was not cleared or rebuilt. The old road bridge has been reconditioned and opened in 1947. A tent camp was observed in the Oberhof Estate south of Grossbriesnitz on 28 April. According to a rumor, the soldiers quartered were to be relieved after about 10 days. (2)

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4. On 21 May 1952, all barracks installations in Grimma (N 52/E 40) quartered only rear details. Some of the tanks which had been transferred from Grimma to Schwepnitz north of Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) were transferred from Schwepnitz to Doebeln (N 52/K 79) where they were to be used to train officer candidates of the German Volkspolizei. (3)

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5. On 18 May, source learned from an employee in the barracks installations on Selauerstrasse, Weissenfels (N 52/J 99), that large quantities of rifles and ammunition was hauled into the installations by trucks during the preceding nights and that both barracks installations were now filled up to capacity with this material. (4)

